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SUBJECT: US-USSR S & T AGREEMENT: VISIT OF SOVIET CHEMICAL
CATALYSIS DELEGATION

FOR SCI AND NSF

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1. AYKAZYAN OF SCST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT SUBJECT DELEGATION, COMPOSED OF SOVIET HOMOGENEOUS AND HETEROGENEOUS CHEMICAL CATALYSIS EXPERTS, APPARENTLY PLANNING NOVEMBER 21 VISIT AS RESULT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BALDESCHWIELER AND BORESKOV SOME TIME AGO. AYKAZYAN IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC INVITATION TO GROUP CONCERNING TIMING AND PROGRAM FOR VISIT.

2. EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED PROFESSOR A. YE. SHILOV, ONE OF GROUP MEMBERS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. SHILOV SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM PROFESSOR HALPERN, THE US COORDINATOR FOR THE COORDINATION COMPLEXES AND ORGANO-METALLIC COMPOUNDS PROJECT TO VISIT THE US BEGINNING IN EARLY NOVEMBER. SHILOV WAS UNABLE TO MAKE VISIT AT THAT TIME AND WAS THEREFORE ADDED TO THIS GROUP WHOSE LEADER IS I.V. KALECHITS. SHILOV HOPES TO MEET WITH PROFESSORS HALPERN, COLEMAN AND MUTTERTIES TO DISCUSS FUTURE COOPERATION IN PROJECT UNDER HIS AND HALPERN'S DIRECTION.

3. DVORETS OF SCST SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED EMBASSY AND SAID THAT
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HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PERSONAL INVITATIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET GROUP BY PROFESSORS TURKEVICH, HALL, HALPERN AND COLEMAN. DVORETS WAS NOT SURE WHETHER THESE INVITATIONS WERE ORAL OR WRITTEN, BUT STRESSED THAT GROUP UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WOULD BE WELCOME AROUND THE END OF NOVEMBER. APPARENTLY, THE GROUP PLANS TO SPLIT UP FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS TO THE ABOVE US COORDINATORS AND IS PREPARED TO PAY OWN WAY.

4. EMBASSY POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE ARE COMPLICATE LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE BEFORE THE GROUP COULD BE RECEIVED, E.G., MEETING GROUP UPON ARRIVAL AND MAKING SURE THAT HOSTS WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEM, ETC.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. DUBS

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